

## IN TROUBLE OVER SMYTH.

### HIS NOMINATION CREATING A SPLIT IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

**Mr. Charles E. Smith Deposed from the Albany Journal Editorship—The Machine Afraid to Attempt Smyth's Confirmation.**  
ALBANY, Feb. 13.—The friends of Superintendant Smyth may certainly this morning find

There was certain this morning that they had had no vote, that the Governor confirming his appointment as Insurance Superintendent. There has been great pressure brought to bear for and against confirmation since the appointment was sent in. The appointment itself at this time was a surprise, for the Governor had not intended to make an appointment, and it is intimated that the Governor was induced to send it in now at the request of Gen. Arthur, who is said to have been in a recent consultation with Senator Conkling, and saying my opinion neither the supporters nor the opponents of the appointment would be cleared till the appointment reach a vote, because it was not known what the action of the Democratic Senators might be. It was admitted that the seven minority Senators voted together, and would make a majority for or against confirmation. The majority of the Senate this morning, instead of last evening, but decided not to go into caucuses. The minority will therefore be divided, the three Tammany Senators, it is believed, voting for confirmation. When the action is taken, the Governor will be in a position to make his own decision.

Senator Rockwell of the Insurance Committee, whom the appointment was referred, hesitated in reporting upon the appointment, his turning out to be a negative vote. He could not rely upon five of the nineteen votes that were counted for confirmation early this morning. The canvassing has been going on all day, and shadows every topic, and its results may be judged by the fact, in the Evening Journal, this morning, that the resignation of Mr. Charles E. Smith, the editor, *The Journal* has supported Mr. Smyth, and its support has served greatly to hold several Senators in line who have been regarded as doubtful. Last morning *The Journal*, in its leading editorial, advised citizens not to elect Bryan.

Early this morning a prominent Albany Ir-

Republican called upon a Senator before he had arisen. The Senator sat up in bed and seemed surprised, expressing his belief that only something urgent could have made a visit at that hour. "I am a poor fellow," he said, "and the Al-  
bany gentleman, "I want to know if it will be likely to strengthen the opponents of Mr. Smyth's confirmation if the *Evening Journal* opposes such action?"

"Very greatly, sir, very greatly. But how can it do that?" The *Journal* has already committed itself favorably.

"It shall be done, and this very day."

"But will not the cost be too great?"

"It shall be done at any cost."

The cost was the resignation of Mr. Smith. The Albany gentleman, who had been called

Mr. Smyth alone. The late editor of the *Journal* has been a strong supporter of the Greenback third-term movement, in this respect differing from almost all of his associate proprietors, and a change in the policy of the paper is looked for. It is not probable, however, that the Senators into great excitement. Party considerations are urged for the retention of Mr. Smyth, and party considerations are also urged in favor of opposing the appointment. As it looks to-day, the disagreement must, temporarily, Mr. Smyth, for some time, be postponed, and the local contest that has been waged here for some months against Mr. Smyth's leadership be greatly extended. The strongest machine influences are

been brought to bear to secure his confirmation. The Senate has been so far from being dominated by the Grant wing, as being dominated patronage this afternoon, the members of the Assembly are canvassing its members earnestness, and the Grant wing of the majority will use every means to compass confirmation. To a great extent, although this influence has been only indirectly, the Senators of the Grant wing, and the Senators opposed to the third term, and the rejection of his appointment will be partially ascribed to this. There are some Senators who believe the appointment is one not fit to be made, not only on account of the previous official conduct of John Kelly, but also because he has used his official position to secure his own nomination.

The resolution introduced this morning by Mr. Gwinup, calling upon Congress to pass an and third-term amendment to the Constitution, would have received the support of no more than a handful of men from the minority. Even Mr. Alford, who on all occasions expresses himself against the nomination of Grant, moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Grievances.

Mr. Cushing presented a preamble reciting the distress prevailing in Ireland, and this resolution:

*Resolved, That \$50,000 be appropriated for the relief of the sufferers.*

Mr. Alford said that nothing of that sort could be done, and the resolution went over.

A bill introduced by Mr. Braman provides for an appropriation of \$150,000 for work on the railroad, and directs that the remainder of the work on the building be done by contract.

In the Senate, Mr. Fowler introduced a bill providing that no policy of fire insurance shall contain any of the following clauses or agreements, in substance or effect:

A Government issue insurance policy is placed upon you on transfer or change of title of the insured property. That the policy shall be void if it becomes become **VACANT**.

During the party burnt out to attach proof of loss or circulate other than his own affidavit.

**Mr. O'Brien offered the following:**

**WHEREAS**, A combination has been organized and exists among the paper manufacturers of this country by which the price of printing paper has been advanced some forty per cent over the market rate.

**Resolved**, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to vote in favor of the passage of the bill now pending in Congress to regulate the distribution of paper imported into this country, to be used in printing books, periodicals, and newspapers.

**Confirming Gov. Mettallan's Nominations.**

**Having his Aged Mother-In-Law Arrested.**—Last evening, Benjamin Fenton, stationer, of Grand and Ninth streets, Williamsport, had his mother-in-law, Mrs. Catherine Bryan, 78 years of age, arrested on charges of being an insane person. She was taken to the asylum at the county house. It was reported that she stood in front of his store and collected a crowd of men, boys, and women about the place, who shouted and laughed at the abuse she heaped upon him.

**The Signal Office Prediction.**  
For New England and Middle Atlantic States, lower temperatures; rapidly rising barometer; high, westerly winds, generally clear or fair weather, preceded in the first district by occasional light rain.

**THIS MORNING'S LATEST NEWS.**

Gen. William S. Farnell, a prominent lawyer and Democratic politician of Jacksonville, N. Y., died on Tuesday night.

Col. S. P. Remington, Collector of Customs in Orleanston, N. Y., and editor of the *Evening Journal*, died yesterday.

It is said that M. Gambetta's friends intend to push him as a candidate for the vacancy in the French Academy.

The historic ship home at Sacket's Harbor, which was erected in 1892, was the last of its kind, leaving the city to be supplanted by a vessel from New Orleans.

The result of the election in Jefferson County, on Tuesday, for Superintends was as follows: Republicans, 19; Democrats, 8; a Republican gain over last year of 4.

Senator Dawes has been selected to preside over the trial of the two men charged with the murder of the late Westroper on April 15, and John E. Sanford of Taunton to be Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions.

The Senate, in executive session yesterday, selected the Hon. John E. Sanford of Taunton as Chief Justice of the Marshal for Florida. There was a warm political debate. Senators Conkling and Edmunds defending Stockey.

Dr. Benjamin H. Catlin, of Northern Conn. died yesterday morning, aged 72. He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and of the American Academy of Natural History.

The trial of James O. Post, a voting law student on the staff of the late Miss Sarah E. Pettigrew under promise of marriage, was ended in Brooklyn yesterday by a disbarment of the jury. They stood tight for conviction.

An arm house in McLean avenue, Cincinnati, occupied by John Delibach, wife and three children, was blown over Tuesday night by the hurricane under the debris. The father was fatally injured, and the wife and two children were seriously hurt. An infant was taken to death.

The Rev. Dr. J. B. Jeter, one of the editors of the *Register-Herald*, of the city of the Baptist Church in Virginia, was the author of various memoirs and religious works, and was, perhaps, better known than any other

Mr. Richard Thompson of Mr. Hayne's Cabinet has known most of the public men in the United States during the last quarter of a century. He is famous in Indiana for his fund of anecdotes and reminiscences, and as a teller of stories is said to be inferior only to the Hon. Zach W. Hanna. Now, Mr. Thompson will deliver his lecture, "Personal Recollections of Noted Statesmen," at the Brooklyn Academy of Music tomorrow evening.